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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

THE PEACE QUESTION.

PRESIDENT WILSON SOUNDS THE BELLIGERENTS.

UNITED STATES BEING DRAWN TOWARDS WAR.

December 21, 9.20 p.m.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Washington, President Wilson has cabled all the belligerents and neutrals suggesting that the opportunity is propitious for a comparison of the views of the belligerents regarding terms which must precede the conclusion to ultimate peace. He emphasizes that he does not propose a Peace Note, or even mediation, but that he is merely taking soundings.

What the Note Contains.

December 21, 10.10 p.m.
President Wilson's Note has been issued in London. It expresses the hope that the Government will consider the action suggested in the most friendly spirit. He says he is somewhat embarrassed to offer the suggestion at present, because it may seem prompted by the recent overtures by the Central Powers, but it is in no wise associated with those overtures. He would have delayed the suggestion till the overtures were answered, except that they had the same object in view.

The President expresses his willingness to take the initiative, but says he does not desire to determine the method or instrumentality. He draws attention to the point that the objects which all the belligerent statesmen have declared to have in mind are virtually the same, and says the United States is as vitally interested in the measures to be taken to secure future world peace as are the belligerents. He adds that the concrete objects for which the war is being waged have never been definitely stated.

Sir John Simon's Views.

December 21, 9.20 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Sir John Simon expressed a desire to voice the whole of the United Kingdom's acceptance of the Prime Minister's speech of December 19. The German Note contained no terms lending themselves to consideration, and the communication was in no wise a peace proposal. The Prime Minister had not slammed the door on peace. The nation was agreed that it would be an unpardonable crime to allow the war to continue one unnecessary hour, but it would be the deepest treachery, by fighting or otherwise, to falter in securing the essentially defensive and unaggressive objects for which we entered the war.

America Being Drawn Towards War.

December 21, 11.00 p.m.
Reuter's Washington correspondent states that Mr. Lansing has issued a statement explaining President Wilson's Note. He declares that the situation for neutrals is becoming increasingly critical, the United States itself drawn near the verge of war.

Sensational Share Slump in New York.

December 21, 6.40 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at New York reports a sensational slump, bordering on demoralization, in war shares. They have fallen from two to eleven points. A feature was the offering of 50,000 United States Steel shares at 104, against yesterday's price of 108. A single block of such volume had never previously been recorded in the history of the Stock Exchange.

POLITICAL UNREST IN AUSTRIA.

Another Change of Premiership.

December 21, 1.35 p.m.
The difficulties of the political situation in Austria are illustrated by the sudden and unexplained change of Premiership. Herr Martinic becomes Premier instead of Herr Spitzmuller, who takes the position of Minister of Finance. The Cabinet is otherwise little altered.

A NEW PEER.

December 21, 6.15 p.m.
Mr. Lewis Harcourt has been raised to the Peerage. [The new Peer was formerly first Commissioner of Works and later Secretary of State for the Colonies. He was responsible for the arrangements of the Imperial Conference in 1911, and was for many years private secretary to his father, the late Sir William Harcourt.]

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Much Aerial Activity.

December 21, 4.40 p.m.
A French communiqué says:—There is a comparative calm on the whole front. Four enemy aeroplanes were brought down on the Somme, including Sub-Lieut. Nungesser's twenty first.

A French pilot collided with an enemy machine which it was pursuing, and both machines fell.

Our aeroplanes heavily bombed several railway stations, also bivouacs, and convoys on the march.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

Snow and Rain in Macedonia.

December 21, 4.40 p.m.
A Paris communiqué says:—Snow and rain have fallen on the Macedonian front, where there is only artillery activity.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph"]

THE GREEK CRISIS.

What the Allies Demand.

December 21, 9.15 p.m.
Reuter learns that the Allies' new Note to Greece is expected to be delivered to-day. The principal demands are the prohibition of reservist meetings, the Allied control of post offices, telegraphs, and railways, the release of the imprisoned Venizelist, and an enquiry into the disturbances of December 1 and 2 by a Mixed Commission.

IRISH PRISONERS TO BE RELEASED.

December 21, 11.25 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Duke announced that all the untried prisoners concerned in the Irish rebellion were about to be released.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SUNK.

December 21, 2.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says it is reported that torpedo boats have sunk the submarine U46, which sank several vessels off St. Nazaire.

COLLISION WITH ITALIAN TROOPSHIP.

December 21, 2.50 p.m.
A telegram has been received at Marseilles that the French battleship Ernestine has returned to Toulon, after colliding and sinking an Italian troopship.

Fifteen were drowned and 115 saved.

NEWS FROM MESOPOTAMIA.

December 21, 9.30 p.m.
A Mesopotamia official message says:—British aeroplanes bombed river craft to the west of Kut el amara.

There were strong reconnaissances to the west of Sumra, on the bend of the Tigris.

The enemy's positions at Samnayat and Kut el amara were heavily bombarded and a bridge on the Hai river was set on fire.

ARMED MERCHANTMEN.

Britain's Attitude Explained.

December 21, 6.00 p.m.
In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Carson, referring to the reply by Germany regarding Captain Blaikie, declared that Britain did not admit any distinction between the rights of unarmed merchantmen and those defensively armed. Doubtless Germany aimed at confusing offensive and defensive action, with the object of inducing neutrals to treat defensively-armed vessels as warships. Our position was that merchantmen enjoyed an immemorial right to defend themselves against attack, visit or search by an enemy, by any means. He believed all neutrals accepted this view, which, moreover, was embodied in the German Prize Regulations. He assured the House of the Government's continuous attention to the question of protectively arming merchantmen.

NO CHRISTMAS NEWSPAPERS.

December 21, 12.55 p.m.
No newspapers will be published at home on Christmas Day, and no evening papers on Boxing Day.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra].

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Vigorous Bombardment.

December 21, 12.05 a.m.
A Paris communiqué states:—South of the Somme there has been an enemy bombardment, particularly in the sectors of Bellay-en-Santerre, Bermy, Prossy and Abloisourt. We vigorously replied.

There has been intermittent artillery activity elsewhere.

British Inflict Damage.

December 21, 12.45 a.m.
General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We raided lines in the vicinity of Gommecourt, inflicting considerable damage; also northward of Arras, where we took a number of prisoners.

The leader of a German patrol northward of Neuve Chapelle was killed and his men captured.

A GERMAN LIE.

December 21, 11.0 a.m.
A wireless report of an interview with Herr Zimmermann, the German Foreign Minister, quotes him as saying that the German steamer Kolga was sunk and seven perished. English submarine steered around without attempting to rescue the crew.

The British Admiralty declares that the tradition of the Navy is sufficient refutation of the statement. Furthermore, the British submarines have sunk no German ship named Kolga.

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EXCHANGING PRISONERS.

December 21, 1.25 a.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope, on behalf of the Foreign Office, replying to Mr. Hunt said that the Captain of the Blucher and an officer belonging to the Zeppelin L15 had been removed from Donnington Hall to Switzerland in exchange for British unit prisoners from Germany.

The responsibility for the selection of the prisoners to be exchanged rested with the Anglo-Swiss and Teuto-Swiss Medical Commissions.

THE SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN.

December 21, 1.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Corunna states that a submarine escorted a Danish steamer, flying the German war flag, to Finisterre, carrying 49 of the crews of other ships.

The captain of the British ship Blair Hall was taken prisoner.

The submarine subsequently pursued two other steamers, and gun firing was heard.

FRENCH BILL REJECTED.

December 21, 1.25 a.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says the Council of National Economics has rejected, by 24 votes to 12, the Bill introduced by the Government seeking to authorize the Government to take, by decree, measures necessary for national defence, especially regarding agriculture, industrial output, recruiting labour, and the sale and distribution of commodities, as depriving Parliament of constitutional powers.

RUMANIAN CRISIS PAST.

December 21, 2.35 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says the ministerial crisis has ended, the Cabinet withdrawing its resignation. M. Bratiano has returned to army headquarters.

DISTRIBUTING RUMANIAN FOOD.

December 21, 2.35 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, the German Food Controller, Dr. Batocki, is visiting Vienna and Budapest to negotiate for the distribution of Rumanian food and booty.

Interviewed, he said it was big enough to please the most pessimistic.

A GERMAN CLAIM.

December 21, 3.55 a.m.

A German official message claims that the Germans torpedoed the French battleship Suffren, mentioned on 8th inst as having disappeared, fifty miles north-west of Lisbon on 20th November.

RUMANIA'S RESUMED RESISTANCE.

December 21, 3.55 a.m.

A German communiqué states that the enemy in the most northerly part of the Dobrudja, who were hitherto retiring, have resumed their resistance. Strong hostile attacks in the Cerna Loop were repulsed.

BRITISH AIR SERVICE.

December 21, 4.50 a.m.

It is understood that one of the last acts of the late Government was to transform the Air Board into an Air Ministry, ranking with the Boards of Trade, Agriculture and Education, to consist of a President appointed by His Majesty and members appointed by Order-in-Council.

The final report of the committee of investigation into the Royal Flying Corps generally vindicates the conduct of the administration of the Corps and pays a tribute to the recent wonderful improvement in efficiency, which is due to the unremitting labour of the Directorate of Military Aeronautics, and is not a spasmodic effort resulting from agitation.

The report refers to the criticism of a certain machine as ill-founded, pointing out that it was employed in the destruction of three Zeppelins in England.

It says further that the Admiralty's purchase of American machines at the outbreak of the war was a discouraging experience and was wisely not repeated.

The committee's chief recommendation is a separate equipment from the executive command.

MEN'S CLUB.

Another Enjoyable Social Evening.

St. George's Hall, Seamen's Institute, was again well filled with an enthusiastic audience of some 185 men on the occasion of the eighth of the series of winter social evenings, held on Wednesday night. In spite of the difficulty of providing new turns, there was not a dull moment from start to finish, and much credit is due to the performers, who worked untiringly in their efforts to amuse. The honours were divided between Opls. Brittle and Armstrong, Lce. Col. Freeman, Pts. Simpson, Bradnock and Copeland, provided some clever singing, singing and dancing. Once again thanks are due to the Bobinson Piano Co. for the use of a gramophone and records, Pts. Meredith for his able accompaniment at the piano, Opls. Morris, Pts. Roberts, Pts. Thomas, Pts. Collins, Lce. Opls. Jones, Lce. Opls. Wycherley, Pts. Joyce and other men who helped in different ways to make the evening a success.

At the social next Wednesday, the programme, which will begin at 8.15 p.m., will be entirely arranged by the "Oon Party" from H.M.S.—including among other attractive turns, an exhibition by a "Handicraft Wizard." All Services men and their families are invited.

THE MONEY MARKET.

Meiss Montagu and Company's Report.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., in their report dated November 3, state:

Gold.
The holding of gold by the Bank of England against its note issues shows an increase of £248,695 as compared with last week's return.

Silver.
The tendency of prices has been upward from the dead level of 32 1/3d which was maintained for four days in succession, namely, from the 24th to the 27th ultimo.

The four days however sufficed to demonstrate that the price had reached too low a figure to tempt sellers, and a recovery ensued.

On the 28th ultimo 32 1/4d was recorded and on 31st 32 1/2d. The price remained at this figure until to-day when offerings being somewhat free from a reaction of 1/10 took place.

The upward movement was encouraged by buying on account of the Indian Bazaar, and also by some enquiry by China. The importance of this latter, as an indication of market tendency, does not depend so much upon its size as upon the fact of its occurrence, and the possibility of its recurrence on a more substantial scale.

The stock in London on the 27th ultimo consisted of about 7 3/4 million standard ounces—an increase since last month of about 3/4 million standard ounces.

The stock in Shanghai on 28th October consisted of about 23,000,000 ounces in excess and 16,000,000 dollars, as compared with about 24,000,000 ounces in excess and 16,500,000 dollars on October 14th, 1916.

The stock in Bombay consists of 4,000 bars, the same as last week.

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Statistics for the month of October are appended:

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GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Scroomb Smith. We (Straits Echo) regret to hear that our former Police Judge, Mr. Scroomb Smith, who since his retirement on pension has been doing war work at the Colonial Office, has been in indifferent health lately.

\$3,000 for Airship Relics.

The total amount £30,000 was collected in the streets of London on "Our Day" for the Red Cross, and £3,000 was realized by the sale of relics from the Caffey airship. In addition, donations of £29,500 were sent direct to 10, West Bolton-gardens, the grand total to date being £1,986.

"Good for Everything."

"Chinamen believe opium is good for everything," said an interpreter to the Magistrate at the Thames Police Court. A Poplar Chinaman Wong Kong, who was found lying on his bed smoking opium when the police entered it and who was fined £2, said he had to take opium because he was consumptive.

Bavarian Discontent.

Paris, Nov. 14.—The Berlin correspondent of the Excelsior telegraph: "I can guarantee the authenticity of the reports of a growing revolution in Bavaria among entire regiments of men aged more than forty-five. They refuse to depart for the front because of the receipt, despite the censorship, of the terrible news from the soldiers on the Somme and before Verdun regarding fearful losses. The King of Bavaria has intervened several times to restore order."

U. S. Transport Aground.

New York, December 12.—The United States army transport Samner has run aground at Barnegat, New Jersey. The accident occurred in a fog and the vessel is reported as lying high on the sand. The transport is carrying a considerable number of soldiers and some civilian passengers, and it is feared that they may be in danger. Steamers at various points along the Atlantic coast have caught the S. O. S. radio calls from the Samner and have wirelessed to her relief under full speed. Manila Bulletin. Wood Pulp in New Zealand.

The British Trade Commissioner in New Zealand reports that according to the local Press a Committee has been appointed by the Southland Patriotic League to consider the possibility of establishing a wood pulp industry in Southland. Prior to the war a company was formed for the purpose of inaugurating a wood pulp industry on the west of South Island. Samples of different timbers from this area had been submitted to the ministry trying tests, and it had been found that pulp of the best quality could be manufactured from them. But for the fact that it was difficult to obtain the necessary machinery the company would already have commenced operations.

The Financial Liabilities of Soldiers.

Arrangements have been made whereby special assistance may be granted by the Military Service (Civil Liabilities) Committee to men, married or unmarried, serving with the army, who are unable, by reason of their undertaking military service, to meet certain financial obligations, and are thereby exposed to serious hardship. The scheme applies to lieutenants, second lieutenants, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men who joined the army on or after August 4, 1914, or are members of the Territorial Force. The obligations in respect of which in suitable cases assistance may be granted are rent, interest, and instalments payable in respect of loans (including mortgages), instalments for the purchase of house, business premises, furniture, etc., taxes, rates, insurance premiums, and school fees. Assistance will not be granted for the discharge of ordinary debts. Directions are given in a recent Army Order as to the manner in which soldiers serving with an expeditionary force may make an application for financial assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND POLICE OFFICE
OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

MANILA P. I.

NOTICE OF SALE OF

MOTOR TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT.

SEALED bids plainly marked "Bids for purchase of P. I. Motor
Transportation Equipment," will be received at the Office of the
undersigned and at the Office of the American Consul General at
Hongkong, Shanghai and Singapore, until December 30, 1916, for the
purchase, subject to prior sale, of the following units of motor trans-
portation equipment owned by the Government of the Philippine
Islands, to wit:-

No.	Articles (Yorkshire Patent)	Manufacturer's rated capacity.	Unit Cost delivered in 1913.	Total Cost Price delivered delivered at Manila at Manila	Location (Where may be inspected)
6	Steam Wagons	3 ton	P7,773.87	P46,643.22	Manila, P. I.
3	Trailer "	2 ton	1,135.96	3,407.88	Manila, P. I.
1	Steam Wagon	3 ton	7,773.87	7,773.87	Iloilo, P. I.
1	Trailer "	2 ton	1,135.96	1,135.26	Iloilo, P. I.
1	Steam "	3 ton	7,773.87	7,773.87	Baguio, P. I.

The above motor transportation equipment was manufactured
by the Yorkshire Patent Steam Wagon Co. (The Yorkshire Com-
mercial Motor Co.), Leeds, England, under what is known as the
"Yorkshire Patents," and was purchased new from the manu-
facturer by the Government of the Philippine Islands in 1913.All of the equipment is in good serviceable condition and the six
steam wagons and three trailer wagons in Manila have had but
little use in the past 18 months and have recently been repaired and
overhauled in the Government Machine shops and are in first class
condition.The equipment is not constructed so as to conform to the re-
quirements of the motor vehicle Law of the Philippine Islands and
a condition of the sale will be, that said equipment will not be used
upon the public highways of the Philippine Islands.Bids will be received for the purchase of all or any part of the
above described equipment. The terms of the sale will be cash
upon delivery at Manila. All bids must be accompanied by a draft
or certified check payable to the "Treasurer of the Philippine
Islands," for 10% of the amount of any bid as a guarantee that de-
livery of said equipment will be received at Manila, and payment
made therefor, within sixty days after notice is received of the
acceptance of any bid.To facilitate the dispatch of notice of acceptance or rejection of
any bid, all bidders residing outside of the Philippine Islands should
give the name and address of a representative in the Philippine
Islands to whom notice may be given.All certified checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be
returned with notice of the rejection of their bid.The right is reserved to sell privately at any time, all or any
part of the above equipment, or to reject any or all bids received, or
to accept such bid or bids as in the opinion of the undersigned are
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Manila, P. I.

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Hongkong 15th September, 1915.

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LACCA CANE were taken away
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Buildings. Hongkong 15th September, 1915.

NOTICES.

THE MACAO ELECTRIC LIGHTING CO., LTD.

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2	29	71	110	153	193	236	282	326	362
3	32	72	112	155	195	238	284	329	364
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5	35	76	114	157	198	240	291	334	366
6	36	82	116	162	199	243	292	335	368
8	39	83	123	165	200	245	293	336	371
9	40	84	124	167	201	247	295	337	372
11	42	86	128	168	203	249	297	338	374
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1916.

HONGKONG'S MAN-POWER QUESTION.

In common with the general public, we welcome most heartily the statement which His Excellency the Governor made at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council concerning the local man-power question. It should, and we feel sure it will, remove any ambiguity which may have been felt concerning the position of men who are willing and anxious to go to the front, but who have been given to understand that they are doing their duty to the Empire by remaining where they are. Not that the statement implies that Hongkong has done its full share in sending men Home to join the Army. We have consistently held that there is still a deal of "coming out" to be done here, and we have reason to believe that the authorities are of our way of thinking. But the question is by no manner of means an easy one with which to deal; all that the public needs to do at the moment is to possess itself in patience, and there need be no fear that the situation will not be thoroughly well investigated, with the one aim of utilising the Colony's man-power to the best possible advantage, both from the military and from the commercial point of view.

If Hongkong had not sent more men to the front—and its record in this respect is certainly not a mean one, taking all the facts into consideration—it is not because of any unwillingness to serve on the part of those of eligible age. That point can be proved up to the hilt. Cases could be quoted of scores of young men who have applied for leave to go Home and join up, but who have been refused such permission solely because they are doing useful work here, not only at their particular work, but by attaching themselves to one or other of the Colony's auxiliary forces and thus making possible the release of considerable numbers of the regular garrison for war service. The suggestion, therefore, that men don the uniform of one or other of these forces in order to remain in the Colony is not only incorrect—it is a libel on their motives, which we can well understand that they have very keenly felt. And we are glad that His Excellency took occasion yesterday to dub it as "an ignorant and mischievous statement for which there is not a shadow of foundation." There are uncharitable grumblers in every community, and Hongkong probably harbours more than its normal proportion of these mischief-making grousers. But, unpleasant and unwarranted as their criticisms may be, it is far better that they should be brought to light and effectively killed than that their originators should covertly air their opinions and contaminate others with them. We can, therefore, feel an amount of satisfaction that the opportunity has been given His Excellency of openly and plainly stating the official attitude on the question.

As we have indicated, we do not read His Excellency's utterance as meaning that Hongkong has contributed all the men that it can to the fighting forces of the Empire. We rather view it in the light of an assurance that, for the moment, until further action is deemed necessary, every man in the Colony can consider himself as being in the right place. There are good grounds for thinking that the Government is fully alive to the situation and, moreover, that it is concentrating its energies on seeing what can be done, after taking all the factors into consideration, to spare more men for the colours. It would be impolitic to indicate the line of action that is being followed, but should there be any residents or visitors who are still unconvinced, we have His Excellency's word for it that the Government is quite ready to give such enlightenment as will remove all doubt on the matter. In view of these official assurances, which, in our opinion, should have been given long since, it is sincerely to be hoped that the last will be heard of Hongkong's being a colony of shakers. The manhood of the Colony can do no more. The next step lies with the authorities;

A Record Message?

The series of cable messages which brought Mr. Lloyd George's historic speech to the Far East must constitute something of a record in point of bulk for the Hongkong office of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, through whose agency it was transmitted. As nearly as possible, the speech seems to have been sent over the wires verbatim. It came to the Telegraph office in fifty-seven sections comprising no fewer than 5,129 words. As to the length of time it occupied the cables, it is interesting to note that the first section was despatched from London at 7.15 p.m. on the 19th inst.—the day on which the speech was delivered—and the last was sent off at 2.05 a.m. on the 20th. The first section arrived in Hongkong at 12.15 p.m. on the 20th, and the last came to hand at 1.45 p.m. on the 21st. It would be interesting to know how many copies of the message were distributed, for we assume that it was flashed to all parts of the world. At any rate, Beuter is to be commended for the manner in which the agency sent out the tidings, while a word of praise is also due to the local cable office for its services in passing the message on.

The Old Premier and the New.

One can hardly fail to be conscious of the pathos that lies in the changed position in the House of Commons as regards the new Premier and his predecessor. On the occasion of Mr. Lloyd George's great speech a couple of days ago, Mr. Asquith found himself, for the first time in eight years, occupying less than the chief position in Parliament—ousted therefrom by a man who was to a great extent his protégé and pupil. The sympathies of the Allied and neutral world will go out to our late Premier who, in the evening of his days, has been asked to make way for younger blood; and all will recognise that Mr. Lloyd George did his best to accept his own side of the situation gracefully and with nice feeling. But no one will dare to say that the alteration was avoidable. When there is a possibility of a ship's foundering, the confidence of the passengers rests in the man who possesses the peculiar knowledge required to pilot her into safety—be he the captain or be he the cabin boy. Mr. Asquith has accepted the inevitable like a man; and, in doing so, has increased rather than forfeited the respect which the whole of the Empire entertained towards him.

To All Whom it May Concern.

We command to the fatherly eye of our P.W.D. a little bit of paving on the Praia, just before the curve into Des Voeux Road West. There is a stand-pipe here, and, owing to the prodigal manner in which the coolie fraternity handle our water supply, the gutter is continually running with water and the footway is just one big splash. The pavement near the pipe is either broken or hollowed out by much usage, and it now accommodates a permanent puddle more than a yard square and an inch or more in depth. At night there is but little light here—so little that last night three or four unwary pedestrians, turning the bend sharply, walked straight into the puddle. We would point out that the pavement at this point is not just a mere track for bare-footed coolies, but that it is used very largely by respectable Chinese and also by a fair number of Europeans. The hollow ought not to be there, in the first place; and, in the second, it ought not to be filled with water. Why are the coolies allowed to place any buckets, other than the ones which is in process of filling, on the pavement at all? These form a serious and dangerous obstruction, and create a lot of stop and mess. There are usually one or two native police round about this corner; how would it be if they were requested to keep the pavement clear of buckets?

DAY BY DAY.

THE LOSS OF WEALTH IS LOSS OF DIRT.
AS RAGES IN ALL TIMES ASSERT:
THE HAPPY MAN'S WITHOUT A SHIRT.—Heywood.

The Mails.
Siberian Mail.—Arrived per s.s. Luchow this morning.
Siberian Mail.—(London, Nov. 20)—Due per s.s. Nippon Maru to-morrow.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2a. 4/3/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 184th anniversary of the birth of Sir Richard Arkwright.

Sports Postponed.
The Police Reserve athletic meeting, which was fixed for New Year's Day, has had to be postponed.

Langkat Output.
The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 9, amounted to 68,525 tons and the sales during the period to 47,327 tons.

A Youthful Criminal.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a young Chinese, who had a large number of previous convictions, was sent to the Criminal Session, for larceny at Yaumati.

Christmas Tree.
The annual Christmas tree celebration is to be held on the Civil Service ground on Boxing Day. Tea will be served at 4 p.m. and the Christmas tree will be unburdened an hour later.

Stole a Sugar Bag.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese employed at the China Sugar Refinery was charged with stealing a large sugar bag. He was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Child Hawkers.
A small girl was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court to-day, with hawkling vegetables near the Yaumati Market without a licence. Inspector Gerrard said the child hawkers were a great nuisance there. The child was discharged with a caution.

Remanded.

A cook-boy, in the employ of Mr. Palmer, of the China Sugar Refinery, who lives at 19, Leighton Hill Road, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a gold wristlet watch and a silk crepe jacket, the property of a Chinese woman, who lives next door. He admitted the theft and was remanded until Wednesday, next. A man was also charged in connection with the same offence with receiving the articles, which were recovered from a house in Stone Nullah Lane. This case was also remanded.

An Ingenious Excuse.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, a Chinese was charged stealing a box on the E. and L boat Japan whilst coming from Singapore to Hongkong. Inspector Sim stated that there were several Indians travelling on the boat, and they missed \$2L. On keeping a watch, they saw defendant in the act of moving the box, which belonged to one of them. Defendant was arrested and when searched at the station a sovereign was found upon him. Defendant's excuse was that he only held on to the box because the sea was rough. The case was adjourned.

Sanitary Board Coolie Charged.

A Sanitary Board coolie was before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy to-day, charged with dumping a dead body. Inspector O'Sullivan stated that the man was seen last evening carrying a basket in Connaught Road West, and, when stopped by a constable, he was found to be carrying a body inside the basket. The man's excuse was that he had just come off a boat and saw a basket on the Praia, which no one seemed to own. He was taking it to the rubbish heap when arrested, and did not know what it contained. The case was adjourned for a doctor's evidence, because the deceased appeared to have been suffering from small-pox.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

Presentation of Awards To-day.

quite foreign to them. Inter-course with English-speaking girls at school will also enable them to acquire greater fluency in speaking.

The upper classes have again done well under the teaching of the Headmistress. At the last Hongkong University Local Examination all the Junior girls got high marks in English, and so did the Seniors presented. Miss A. M. Woodman passed with honours; Miss M. Higgins also passed the Senior Local Examination with distinction in Biblical Knowledge. The names of the successful girls in the Junior Section are:—F. Nunes, L. Nunes, M. C. Osorio, Chu Suk Yein, M. M. Coelho, D. Morris, and B. White. Seven girls presented themselves for the Oxford Preliminary and all passed.

The study of domestic economy is receiving greater attention than before and, according to the official report, "a gratifying improvement has taken place in the teaching of this subject." In the two highest classes lessons are also given on "The Feeding and Care of Infants," based on a pamphlet prepared by Dr. Johnson, Principal Civil Medical Officer. The discipline of the school has been very good. In the matter of equipment, there is a good supply of apparatus for experiments and demonstrations. As in 1915, the school earned the Maximum Grant from Government.

Until the detailed results of the Oxford Preliminary Examination are received, no award can be made for the Lugard Scholarship, nor can the names be determined of the two girls who will have the honour of inscription in the Lady Lugard Shield.

Largely due to the suggestion of Mr. Ralph, the local Secretary of the St. John's Ambulance Association, 24 pupils voluntarily attended a course of lecture in "First Aid." Dr. Koch very kindly undertook the duties of honorary lecturer. The class was in every way a success. The examination was conducted by Surgeon-General Hoskyns, R.N., who reported that the pupils showed both intelligence and capacity; the best work was done by the younger girls, i.e., those in Class 3.

Stenography continues to be an attractive subject of study with the girls in the higher Classes, probably because of its commercial value (when added to a practical knowledge of typewriting) after the girls have left school. This special class has been well attended. Examinations in connection with Pitman's Phonetic Institute at Bath were held on the 10th and 27th July last. Papers were sent out from England and the examinations were conducted in the presence of members of a local Committee according to prescribed rules. Notes of the test papers and transcription were forwarded to the Examiners at Bath and the results were duly received from them. Certificates were awarded to the following successful students:—Speed—M. Braga, A. Levy, G. Rezavet, D. Eszavet, M. Neaves, E. Witchell; Elementary—B. Bishop, E. Carvalho, Ph. d'Almada e Castro, O. Figueirodo, L. Knight, M. Neves, L. Nunes, L. Santos and L. D. Winsel.

It will be recalled that mention was made in my report last year that representations had been addressed, through the Director of Education, to the University Authorities for Certificates in Music. Embodied in a series of recommendations made by a Committee of managers and school teachers to the University are the following remarks I wrote:—"Certain scholars attending the Italian Convent School have signified their desire to submit themselves for examination in practical Music. These scholars come from the Philippines Islands, and it is flattering to our University that they should express an unusually good accent and pronunciation. The influence and example of the student teacher have been reflected in the good work of class 4. Miss Clark is described in the report as 'a very capable student teacher'; she assists the mistress in Class 4. How successful this class has been taught English, must be concluded from the result in English Composition. A letter was written for the Inspector, with the following result in the classification of the paper handed in:—Very good 17, Good 13, Very fair 5, and Fair 1.

The work of the kindergarten division consists of simple reading, conversation, action songs and occupations. Under the last-named designation comes paper-folding, stitching, pricking and mat-weaving. It is gratifying to be able to note the Inspector's appreciation in defining the "hand work" as having been done with enthusiasm, some very clever work being the result.

The "special preparatory class" for Chinese pupils in various stages of instruction has progressed satisfactorily. Mr. Ralph points out that "the pupils should be encouraged to speak loudly." There is no doubt that the girls will overcome their timidity when they can command a better knowledge of the English language and therefore become more intelligent in a language at present

December 1915, was received by the Inspector of English Schools and circulated for the Committee's information on the 24th:—"It is regretted that the University cannot undertake to institute a separate examination in Music." While I regret this decision, I hope it is not irrevocable, and that at some future date the subject will again merit the consideration of the University authorities.

Ethnicism in drawing and painting continues unabated; this is especially noticeable among the Chinese pupils, one of whom—Miss Tung Man Tang—has had the honour of having two paintings accepted by Lady May for sale on behalf of the War Charities. The paintings have been on public exhibition for some time and, as just recently announced in the press, have been sold for \$100 each.

Mention of War Charities leads me to refer to the little assistance the girls of the Convent have been able to render to the Committee of Ladies in preparing nursing and clothing materials for the wounded at the front; in all over 1,700 articles were made at the Convent:

I cannot conclude this report without expressing my acknowledgment to the Committee of the Hongkong Schools and St. Joseph's College (Old Boys') Association for the opportunities afforded the pupils of this school to take part in their annual sports at Happy Valley. The successful competitors were Mircea Lucilla Coelho, Cindy Horley and Agnes Fung.

During the year, death claimed another member of the Convent community. After a brief illness, the death took place on 27th March, 1916, of Mother Vice, the Rev. Sister Angela Robeichi.

Prize List.

Class 1.—Marjorie Woodman, 1st prize and Senior University Certificate with honours. May Higgins, 2nd prize and Senior University Distinction in Religious Knowledge.

Class 2.—Florentina Nunes, 1st prize, Junior University Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Lindemira Nunes, 2nd prize, Junior Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Christine Osorio, Junior Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Mercedes Coelho and Dorothy Morris, Junior University Certificate, distinction in rel. know.; Chu Luk Yein, Junior University Certificate, distinction in classical Chinese; Beatrice White, Junior University Certificate, distinction in English.

Class 3.—Antonia Campos, 1st prize for general profit and Preliminary Oxford Certificate; Bertha Goon, 1st prize for general profit and Preliminary Certificate; Luisa Gil, 2nd prize for general profit and Preliminary Oxford Certificate; Bertha Carvalho, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for English; Asuncion Sian, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for arithmetic; Emilia Figueiredo, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for application; Ada Hammond, Preliminary Oxford Certificate, distinction for English; Cynthia Tavares, distinction for conduct, application and geography.

Class 4.—Theresa Gil, 1st prize for general profit; Daisy Tam, 2nd prize for general profit; Maria Bemedes, distinction for conduct, application and English; Adela del Campo, distinction for rel. know., history, drawing and typewriting; Lucilla Coelho, distinction for recitation, geography and writing; Carrie Tenison, distinction for rel. know., English and history; Sophie Neimane, distinction for rel. know., recitation and dictation; Evelyn Sousa, distinction for reading and recitation.

Class 5.—Ivy Low, 1st prize for general proficiency and needlework; Agnes Fung, 1st prize for general proficiency and needlework; Purita Campos, 2nd prize for general proficiency and needlework; Margaret Holden, distinction for rel. know. and geography; Conceita Jion, distinction for drawing and geography; Conceita McGrath, distinction for application and reading; Aelice Pereira, distinction for recitation and dictation; Elizabeth Ward, distinction for conduct and politeness; Alice Carvalho, distinction for conduct and English; Maria Baptista, distinction for needlework.

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COMPANY REPORT.

Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd., was held in London on December 19, when the Directors' report and statement of accounts for the year ending June 20, 1916, were submitted. Below we give an extract from the Directors' Report:

The net result of the year's transactions shows a balance to the credit of Profit and Loss Account of £275,377, made up as follows:

Proportion of Keilan Mining Administration's Profits, plus China Interest	£195,145
Interest in Europe	10,844
Agency Fees	4,000
Sundry Receipts	58
Balances brought forward	99,159
Total	£309,004
Deduct:	
Expenses in Europe	£3,871
Directors' Fees	4,200
Income Tax	25,607
Exchange	49
	£33,627

Leaving a Net Balance of £275,377 which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:

Interim Dividend 5 per cent. paid 15th May, 1916, absorbed £50,000

Final Dividend 5 per cent. (making 10 per cent. for the year) 50,000

Balance carried forward, subject to provision for Excess Profits duty 175,377

£275,377

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.
NOTICE.

ON SATURDAY, 23rd Dec. All Departments will remain open until 7 p.m. On 24th, 25th, and 26th December, all Departments will be CLOSED: prescriptions will be dispensed as usual.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

HONGKONG HOTEL GRILL ROOM.

FINAL PERFORMANCE OF "KISMET" ON 30th DECEMBER, 1916.

IN view of the fact that the above performance will commence at 7.30 p.m. on after Theatre Supper will be served in the Grill Room at 10.45 p.m.

SUPPER TICKETS \$2.00 PER HEAD.

The entire proceeds of the sale of the above will be devoted to

"STAR AND GARTER FUND."

Intending patrons are kindly requested to book seats beforehand.

Plan and tickets may be obtained at the Hotel Office.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

OWING to unavoidable circumstances, the Police Reserve Athletic Meeting, which was intended to be held on 1st January, 1917, has been postponed sine die.

INSP. C. M. ALVES,
Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICES.

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Boxing Day, December 26th, at 10 a.m.

Service of Launches.

Murray Pier and Stonecutters' Island.

Boxing Day, Dec. 26th 1916.

Out

Murray Pier (dept.)

8.45 a.m. (Army Service Launch).

9 a.m. Victoria.

9.15 a.m. Naval Launch.

9.45 a.m. (Army Service).

10.30 a.m. Victoria.

2 p.m. Victoria.

Home

Stonecutters' (dept.)

4.30 Army Service.

5.00 Victoria.

5.15 Naval Launch.

5.30 Army Service.

These launches will run mainly for the convenience of Competitors and officials on the Range. They may also be used free of charge by any person in service uniform, and by ladies.

Messrs. the Wiseman Cafe, Ltd., will supply refreshments if ordered on or before SATURDAY, December 23rd.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
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THE Steamship

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No Claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after noon, the 27th December, 1916, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 30th December, 1916, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th December, at 10 a.m. by the Company's surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1916.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th December, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriters on or before the 11th January, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tones & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday, the Fifth day of January, 1917, at twelve o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed as Extraordinary Resolutions at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the Fifteenth day of December, 1916, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

(1) That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2.50 (Two dollars and fifty cents) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

(2) That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Dated this Nineteenth day of December, 1916.

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SHANGHAI, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama.	Shidzuka Maru Capt. Noma T. 12,500 Kashima Maru T. 12,500 Capt. S. Kawashima	WED., 3rd Jan. at noon. TUES., 23rd Jan. at noon.
SHANGHAI, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama.	Nikko Maru Capt. R. Takeda T. 9,500 Aki Maru T. 13,500 Capt. K. Yoshikawa	TUES., 16th Jan. at 11 a.m. TUES., 13th Feb. at 11 a.m.
SHANGHAI, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama.	Tosa Maru Capt. O. Sakamoto T. 10,000 Yutoro Maru Capt. S. Hirata T. 8,000 Bombay Maru Capt. S. Shinohara T. 8,000	FRIDAY, 23rd Dec. FRIDAY, 22nd Dec. FRIDAY, 22nd Dec.
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Siberia Maru	18,000 - 18 knots	26th Feb.
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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1916.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

NEW HONOURS.

December 21, 10.50 p.m.

The honours conferred consequent on the resignation of Mr. Asquith and his colleagues are:

Vicounties.—Mr. Lewis Harcourt, Lord Sandhurst and Lord Cowdray.

Bronies.—Sir Edward Partington, Sir Joseph Pesse, M.P., Sir J. A. Dewar, M.P., Sir T. Roe, M.P.

Privy Councillors.—Mr. J. W. Gulland, M.P., Mr. T. Wiles, M.P., Baronetries.—Sir Jesse Boot, the Right Hon. J. H. M. Campbell, M.P., Mr. J. S. Ainsworth, M.P.

Knighthoods.—The Very Rev. John Harkles, (Vice-Chancellor

and Principal of the University of St. Andrews), Mr. Evan Spicer.

The Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.—Sir Samuel Evans, President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Courts.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.—The Hon. Theophilus Basell, Mr. Maurice Bonham-Carter.

Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—The Hon. James Eric Drummond, who was one of Mr. Asquith's private secretaries.

BOXING.

Scott and Stapleton Sign Articles.

Articles were signed in the Telegraph office this morning for the forthcoming contest between Corporal Scott and Seaman Stapleton. The fight, which takes place on January 6 at the City Hall, in connection with the H.K.P.R. Sports Night, will be one of 15 rounds, each of two minutes' duration, with one minute's interval between each two rounds.

Corporal Scott's record is well-known locally, while Stapleton, we understand, knows quite a lot about ringcraft. Of the two the latter is slightly the bigger man and probably scales a little more. So far as physical proportion goes, the men are exceptionally well-matched, and the fight will only be won on experience.

Stapleton is being trained by Paddy Finn (Scott's beaten opponent) and by Seaman Pepin.

An opportunity will later be given to the public of seeing the seaman training at the Naval Canteen.

HONAN OFFICIALS CASHIERED.

Curious Charges and General Surprise.

Kaifeng, Dec. 11.—Shortly after the death of the late President Yuan, accusations against several of the first officials of the province were forwarded to Peking. Investigations have been proceeding under agents of the National Assembly which have resulted in the dismissal from office of Chief Secretary Tso (Cheng Wu-ting) from the Civil Governor's yamen; this for misappropriation of funds and misconduct of affairs. Police Commissioner Wang, is also on the carpet, on similar charges, preferred by the Provincial Assembly.

This charge comes as a great surprise to a large body of Mr. Wang's admirers, as it is conceded that the city has never enjoyed a larger measure of good police government than at present. Under Mr. Wang's régime of office the city has been cleaned from many of the pestilential areas of former days: he has given a whole-hearted support to the work of the Committee on Public Health; and the foreign population of the city, now grown to about fifty, has never been more immune from trouble, as the police department has co-operated in every way to assist Foreign Commissioner Hsu in all his efforts.

The province has maintained for three years a school known as the "Liu Mei," or School for Preparing Students for America.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, and TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, and TUESDAY, the 25th and 26th instant.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1916.

SOLICITORS' COSTS.

A Successful Claim.

At the Summary Court this afternoon, before Mr. Justice Gomperts, a claim was heard in which Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, solicitors, claimed \$251.60 from a former client of theirs, named Hoi Pui-sang, being costs for work done.

Mr. C. E. H. Beavis appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. E. Davidson defended.

Mr. Beavis explained that there were three bills of costs for work done on defendant's instructions, and that on November 13, the defendant saw him and asked for further time, which was granted.

Mr. Davidson said that one bill for \$55 was admitted.

Evidence was then given by Mr. Beavis, who spoke to the work done.

Defendant, in the box, admitted owing part of the money, but said that in the other case another man was the purchaser of some land and he the vendor; therefore the purchaser should pay the costs.

Questioned by Mr. Beavis, defendant admitted that the sale fell through, but added that he would have to get the would-be purchaser to pay them.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

RIFLE SHOOTING

Taikoo Recreation Club v. Hongkong Volunteers.

This League match between these teams was fired off at Taikoo recently, the Volunteers winning by the narrow margin of three points. The scores were:

Total...	...	661
Less 4 per cent. for Apertures	26	
Net...	...	635
M. K. V. C.		
200 500 600	Total	
Simpson ... 27 31 32	90	
Eldridge ... 28 29 27	84	
Lyle ... 28 27 30	83	
Grimshaw ... 28 31 24	83	
Nicol ... 27 30 25	82	
Heath ... 30 29 23	82	
Danby ... 30 30 12	79	
Hill ... 24 28 26	78	
Total	638
Less 4 per cent. for Apertures	26	
Net...	...	635
M. K. V. C.		
200 500 600	Total	
Gur Green ... 32 27 30	89	
Corp. Martin ... 30 29 27	86	
Gur Sorby ... 30 24 28	82	
Sgt. Manuk ... 28 28 26	80	
Sgt. Bradbury ... 28 27 27	80	
C. S. M. Duncan ... 26 25 27	78	
Sgt. Sutherland ... 25 26 21	72	
Br. Railton ... 26 24 19	69	
Total	638

H.K.P.R. Winter "Bisley."	
The Hongkong Volunteer Reserve team will include Lieut. Thornhill, Loo, Cpl. Goodman, Pte. K. McLean and Pte. A. Jenkins.	
A prize for the team shoot has been presented by the Holland China Trading Company.	
In addition to those already announced, a prize will be given for the best shoot among the sixteen Indian competitors.	
For the Troops.	

We have received a parcel of literature for the troops from Mr. J. H. Gardner.

Money by Menaces.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this afternoon, a Chinese Revenue Officer, and a Chinese wharfinger were charged on remand with demanding the sum of \$100 by menaces from various persons. Mr. E. J. Grist is appearing for one defendant and Mr. J. H. Gardner for the other. Further evidence was taken and the case was again adjourned.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

A False Rumour at Bangkok.

Last evening, says the Siam Weekly Med. of November 28, there was a persistent rumour among some of the Chinese Simpang traders that the H. and S. B. C. was about to suspend payment. This morning we had a few enquiries from our Siamese readers about this, and we therefore saw Mr. Townsend, the local agent on the matter. Mr. Townsend, who himself had heard of this rumour, wired the Head Office at Hongkong this morning and the following reply has been received by him:

"No justification whatever for any rumour. Bank's position never better. Can only presume German propaganda."

Asenthi, continues our Bangkok contemporary, we have received the following communication from the British Minister:

His Britannic Majesty's Minister desires to make known that the rumours which he understands to be current in Bangkok in regard to the position of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are malicious and wholly without foundation. The dissemination of these rumours is a malicious manoeuvre attributable to a desire to injure the Bank's interests and to disturb the commercial prosperity of Bangkok. This manoeuvre is identical with one initiated a few months ago in Shanghai against the same Bank without success, which was shown to be the outcome of intrigues conducted by persons inimical to British interests.

The head office of the Bank telegraphs from Hongkong that there is no justification whatever for these mendacious rumours current here, and that the bank's position never was better.

"KISMET."

Another Performance Arranged.

Owing to the enormous success of "Kismet," and the great demand for seats, it has been decided to give another performance on Saturday, 30th inst., at 7.30 p.m. This will be positively the last performance, the booking for same opening to-morrow morning at Moutrie's. For the convenience of the public, the plans will be available at the Hongkong Hotel on Boxing Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Moutrie's will remain open until 6 p.m. to-morrow.

A recherche supper will be served in the Hongkong Hotel Grill Room after the performance, which will conclude about 10.30 p.m., the management having generously offered to devote the entire proceeds to the Star and Garter Fund. The booking of tables is now proceeding at the hotel, the price of supper being \$2 per head.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per ss. ARMAND BHIC, from Colombo, on Dec. 22.
Babu Ray & Mrs. Jacquin
Bonaventura F. P. Marsoulas DuPacca
Bundfield H. Pittman Mr. & Mrs.
Colles H. Paul D. B.
Fridlander W. Silvestre
Garnier Bangkok
Hay T. C. Vogel Mrs.
Per ss. LUOCHOW, from Shanghai, on Dec. 22.
Christie Mr. F. Hardison O. G.
Campbell Mrs. Newfield Miss
Davies R. S.
Per ss. TEAN, from Manila, on Dec. 22.
Ouslandham D. Stadimiles L. R.
Frey W. S. Werkmeister L. E. R.

CANTON HOSPITAL.

Celebration of 80th Anniversary.

The eightieth anniversary of the Canton Hospital was marked by a reception at the Hospital on Tuesday. It was attended by over five hundred guests, comprising the leading foreigners and Chinese, officials, business men, doctors, preachers and other friends of the Hospital and their wives.

The guests assembled at about three o'clock in the Hospital garden, being received by the Managing Committee and Staff of the Hospital. A line was then formed, and all made a tour of inspection of the hospital premises, which have undergone extensive repairs, and are now renovated and well equipped. The Military Band, kindly lent by His Excellency Luk Wing-tung, the Military Governor, played during the proceedings at frequent intervals.

After the inspection, there was a meeting in the Hospital Church auditorium (the Second Presbyterian Church) where speeches were made by His Excellency Cha Hing-lan, Civil Governor of the Province, congratulating the Hospital on its record and present position, and presenting a handsome framed appreciation; by the Senior Trustee of the Hospital, Mr. J. W. Jamieson, British Consul-General, telling of his long connection with medical work in China in the Canton Hospital, and his pleasure in its rejuvenation so happily begun; by the representative of the Military Governor, Dr. Hue; by the Rev. Wm. D. Noyes, the representative of the Managing Committee, in Chinese, telling of the Hospital's past and present, and looking forward to a splendid future; by Mr. Chan Lim-pak of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in Canton; and short congratulatory addresses by the representatives of the Finance Commissioner. The True Light Glee Club and a Foreign Quartette added much enjoyment to the proceedings.

Mr. Wong Yuk-shing opened with prayer. Dr. W. Graham Reynolds, the Chairman of the Managing Committee, and Dr. J. Oscar Thomson, Chairman of the Staff, were also on the platform, and the Chairman of the meeting was the newly-arrived American Consul-General, Mr. P. H. Heinselman, who has already an interest in the Canton Hospital from his former appointment in Canton.

At the close of an interesting meeting, all inspected the women's wards of the Hospital on the way back to the garden, where tea was served, the cakes having been given by the foreign friends of the Hospital in Canton.

All expressed themselves as much pleased, and wished, with one speaker, that the Hospital may still have "ten thousand generations" before it.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 108, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H. K. V. R., states:—

Detail.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, December 24, to the morning of Sunday, December 31, H. K. V. R. Next for duty, "B" Coy. H. K. V. R. Orderly Officer, 2nd Lieut. C. W. Beswick.

Parades.

For week ending December 30.—Nil.

Strength.

No. 254 Pte. T. W. Mackay is permitted to resign.

No. 382 Pte. E. Seth, having left the Colony, is struck off the strength.

Pte. A. W. Eastman, having joined, is allotted Corps No. 630 and posted to Coy. "B" Platoon No. V. Section I.

Notice.—Owing to the dry weather and the inflammable nature of all vegetation on the hillsides, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department has requested that care will be exercised to extinguish matches, cigars and cigarettes before throwing them away.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued to-day by Lieut.-Colonel A. Chapman V.D., state:—

Resigned.

No. 1963 Pte. A. Whitmarsh is permitted to resign from this date.

Leave.

No. 1531 Pte. A. Keith is granted 3 months' leave from 26.11.16. No. 2000 Pte. R. H. Sharp is granted 2 months' leave from 26.11.16. No. 1852 Pte. A. H. Compton is granted 6 months' leave from 15.12.16. No. 2002 Pte. J. N. Cunningham is granted 2 months' leave from 22.12.16. No. 1494 Gr. E. Douglas is granted 2 weeks' leave from 21.12.16. No. 1864 Pte. P. W. A. Wilkie is granted 6 months' extension of leave to 17.6.17. No. 1776 Pte. A. David is granted an extension of leave to 31.3.17.

Musketry.

The undermentioned N.C.O. and men will attend for musketry at King's Park Range on Saturday, 23rd instant, at 2.15 p.m. Recruits to bring 30 and 20 rounds for Part 1 and 2 respectively. Trained Men to bring 30 and 23 rounds for Part 1 and 2 respectively:—

Recruits Part 1.—Gr. A. F. Brown, Pte. B. Young.

Recruits Part 2.—Ptes. J. Coelho, B. Young, P. T. Rosario, Srs. T. Gibbieon, J. H. Gordon, A. W. Hurlow, T. Leeman, H. A. Moosedeen, J. Morass, Pte. P. Tangap, Gr. A. F. Brown.

Trained Men Part 1.—O. S. M. D. K. Blair.

Trained Men Part 2.—O. S. M. D. K. Blair, Srs. C. Dickens, J. E. Hansen, M. Houghton.

Parades.

2.15 p.m. Musketry King's Park Range (as above). Range Officer, Lieut. O. Smith. Officer i/o Batt. Captain Preston.

Wednesday 27th instant:—5.15 p.m. Artillery Battery platoon drill at Headquarters. 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section at R. A. Theatre.

Thursday, 28th instant:—Examination for Signalling Section class "B." Time and place to be notified later by O. C. Signalling Section.

Friday 29th instant:—5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters. C.S.M. Witchell and Corp. Grimes will attend.

Detail.

On duty 24th instant, Artillery Battery; On duty 25th instant, Belchers 6" Section; On duty 26th instant, Belchers 6" Section; On duty 27th instant, Centre Section M.G.C.; On duty 28th instant, Right Section M.G.C.; On duty 29th instant, Scouts Company; On duty 30th instant, Scouts Company.

Orderly Officer from 24th to 30th instant, Lieut. Rees.

Notices.

In view of the prevalence of small-pox in the Colony, every member of the Corps should be vaccinated at once unless he has been done within the last three years.

All members of the Corps engaged in military or other exercises on the hillsides are particularly requested to extinguish matches, cigarette ends &c., before throwing them away, in order to prevent the ignition of the inflammable vegetation.

The undermentioned members will represent the Corps v. Royal Engineers in a match to be fired on King's Park Range on Sunday, 24th instant at 2.30 p.m.:—C.S.M. Duncan, Sgt. Manuk, Sgt. Bradbury, Bdr. Martin, Gr. Sorby, Gr. Green, Gr. Baiton N.L., Pte. Evans, Reserve:—Sgt. Sutherland.

The undermentioned members will represent the Corps at the Police Reserve "Bisley" meeting on 28th instant:—Captain Murray Scott, Lieut. Danby, Sgt. Bradbury, Bdr. Heath, Reserve:—Sgt. Manuk and Bdr. Martin.

SINGAPORE RUBBERS.

Final Dividends Announced.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts advise us that the following Singapore Rubber Companies have declared final dividends:—Ayer Molok Rubber Co., Ltd., 16%, Pajam, Limited, ... 10%, Alor Gajah Rubber Estate, Ltd. 20%.

GOLF GROTESQUES.

An Excellent Publication.

We have received from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh a publication which, doubtless, will prove to be an interesting and amusing souvenir to those enthusiastic players of golf at the Kowloon Cricket Club. "Golf Grotesques," by "Niblick," is a production highly to the credit of the local artist who executed the many caricatures, and also to the writers of the letter-press comments. The Kowloon Club has been one of the foremost Clubs in Hongkong to foster the game, and it includes among its members some of the best players, who find, over at this Bohemian establishment, an atmosphere of real good sport and also a course which tries the skill of the player in a manner calculated to give him prowess.

The cartoons of "famous" clubmen, showing their characteristic moods and attitudes, their idiosyncrasies, etc., are, to say the least, clever, and will be sure to cause an enduring amusement among those who fraternise and play at Kowloon. The letter-press is also excellent, for in addition to giving a light-hearted account of how golf first became to be played at Kowloon, it also tells of many outstanding players, and concludes with some advice and wheezes, couched in terms understandable only to the golfing mind.

The manner in which Messrs. Kelly and Walsh have produced the book is high-class, the printing being exceedingly good.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, D. S. P. (Reserve) State:—

Duties Department.

This department has been formed for the purpose of recording all duties actually performed, all substitute arrangements, and for ensuring that the duties required of the Police Reserve are equally shared by the various units. Staff Inspector Potter takes entire charge.

Police School.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.—Class I (Chief Inspector Kerr). Class IV (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Thursday, Dec. 28.—Class III (Inspector Gerrard).

Friday, Dec. 29.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

Service Board.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.—No. 3 Company, Buglers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners, and Motor Patrols.

Buglers and Drummers.

The members of this unit, who are temporarily exempt from all other duties, will until further orders, attend for instruction on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays until further orders.

Defaulters.

The order issued to men awarded D. D. to attend at Central Station on Saturday afternoon, December 23, is hereby cancelled. Warning officers will see that this is noted by defaulters.

Joined.

Mounted Police—Trooper 794 L. E. Hodge.

Promotions.

The Hon. C. S. P. has sanctioned the following promotions:—

P. O. 629 Potter to the rank of inspector, and his inclusion in the Staff.

Musketry Sgt. 777 Fisher to the rank of Crown Sergeant.

Athletic Sports.

The Athletic Sports Meeting arranged for January 1 has been postponed.

Police Reserve Gazette.

The Editor will be glad to receive contributions for the January number. Same must reach him not later than December 30.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. Homeward Mail Steamer MEDINA with the Hongkong Mails of the 3rd November last, arrived in London on Wednesday, the 20th instant.

HOTEL LISTS.

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Liverpool via Ports	Ningchow	B. & S.	23 Dec.
London via Cape Town	Kamo M.	S. Y. K.	28 Dec.
London via Ports	Novara	P. & O.	29 Dec.
Liverpool via Ports	Euryalus	B. & S.	31 Dec.
Genoa	Merihire	J. M. C.	Dec.
London via Ports	Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	4 Jan.
London via Ports	Peleus	B. & S.	5 Jan.
London via Ports	C. of Madras	B. L.	Jan.
London via Ports	Tenier	B. & S.	10 Jan.
London via Ports	Somali	P. & O.	17 Jan.
Liverpool via Ports	Tydeus	B. & S.	20 Jan.
London via Ports	Phemius	B. & S.	28 Jan.

NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND CANADA.

Seattle via Japan	Proteus	B. & S.	28 Dec.
Vancouver via Japan	C. P. O. S.	C. P. O. S.	28 Dec.
Ecuador via Japan	F. M. S. S.	F. M. S. S.	30 Dec.
Victoria B.C., via Japan	Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	3 Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Nippon M.	T. K. K.	4 Jan.
South American Ports	Kiye M.	T. K. K.	9 Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	C. P. O. S.	J. C. L.	10 Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Arakan	T. K. K.	11 Jan.
San Francisco via Japan	Shinyo M.	N. Y. K.	17 Jan.
Victoria B.C., & Seattle	Kamakura M.	N. Y. K.	28 Jan.
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San Francisco via Japan	C. M. S. S.	J. M. C.	31 Jan.
Vancouver via Japan	C. P. O. S.	Aki M.	3 Feb.
New York via Panama	Toyooka M.	N. Y. K.	Early Feb.

AUSTRALIA.

Eastern	G. L. Co.	G. L. Co.	25 Dec.
Australia via Manila	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	16 Jan.
Australia via Manila	St. Albans	G. L. Co.	27 Jan.
Australia via Manila	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	13 Feb.

SINGAPORE, INDIA, COAST PORTS AND JAPAN.

Shanghai	Sinkiang	B. & S.	22 Dec.
Shanghai and Kobe	Bombay M.	N. Y. K.	22 Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kirin M.	N. Y. K.	22 Dec.
Kobe	Moyer M.	N. Y. K.	22 Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	22 Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Tydeus	B. & S.	22 Dec.
Bombay via Ports	Yeterofu M.	N. Y. K.	22 Dec.
Saigon/Hongkong	Chihli	B. & S.	22 Dec.
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. C.	23 Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Japan	D. S. & Co.	23 Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Shirala	D. S. & Co.	23 Dec.
Saigon/Hongkong	Kashing	B. & S.	23 Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Foochow	B. & S.	23 Dec.
Haiphong	Wingsang	J. M. C.	24 Dec.
Swatow	Lokhang	D. L. Co.	24 Dec.
Shanghai	Haitan	D. L. Co.	24 Dec.
Swatow	Anhui	D. L. Co.	24 Dec.
Belawan Deli (Sumatra) via Swatow	J. C. L.	D. L. Co.	24 Dec.
Shanghai	Teekai	B. & S.	24 Dec.
Shanghai	Kaitong	B. & S.	26 Dec.
Hoiping and Haiphong	Tsan	B. & S.	27 Dec.
Manila, Cebu and Ililo	Tjilatjap	J. C. L.	27 Dec.
Java and Makassar	Tjilatjap	J. C. L.	28 Dec.
Java	Kwongsang	J. M. C.	28 Dec.
Shanghai via Swatow	Phiemius	J. M. C.	29 Dec.
Shanghai and Japan	Kumsang	J. M. C.	29 Dec.
Kobe and Moji	Shantung	D. L. & Co.	28 Dec.
Shanghai	Haitan	J. M. C.	29 Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Yusang	D. L. & Co.	29 Dec.
Shanghai	Chiysang	J. M. C.	29 Dec.
Calcutta via Ports	Tsan	J. M. C.	29 Dec.
Haiphong	Taksang	J. M. C.	29 Dec.
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. C.	30 Dec.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Somali	P. & O.	31 Dec.
Kobe	Tjilatjap	J. C. L.	31 Dec.
Shanghai to Yokohama	Chihli	J. C. L.	31 Dec.
Shanghai	Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	J. C. L.	31 Dec.
Sandakan	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	4 Jan.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	Hiansang	J. M. C.	5 Jan.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nyanza	P. & O.	7 Jan.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Aki M.	N. Y. K.	11 Jan.
Shanghai and Japan	Atustua M.	N. Y. K.	13 Jan.
Shanghai	Antilocopus	B. & S.	16 Jan.
	Telamon	B. & S.	21 Jan.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

AMERICAN MAIL.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s Steamer ECUADOR arrived Shanghai December 18, at 8 a.m., leaves December 19, for Hongkong via Manila, and is expected to arrive here December 25.	Yahiko M. Jap., ss. 1,800, Noda, 9th Dec.—Moji Int. Dec., Coal—M. B. K.
	Albiana, Br. ss. 2,468, Rotta, 14th Dec.—Chinwangtsao, 9th Dec., Coal—D. & Co.
	Anping, Chi. ss. 1,827, Wallace, 16th Dec.—Tienan, 10th Dec., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
	Hinchang, Chi. ss. 1,258, Munro, 16th Dec.—Shanghai, Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
	Hukuhin, Jap., ss. 1,817, Karaki, 16th Dec.—Saigon, 11th Dec., Bisc.—Order.
	Singap. Br. ss. 1,776, Simpson, 16th Dec.—Singapore, 11th Dec., Bisc.—Order.
	Chilli Br. ss. 1,142, Lloyd, 17th Dec.—Saigon, 25th Nov., Bisc.—B. & S.
	Patrick M. Jap., ss. 1,755, Pilkington, 18th Dec.—Singapore, 25th Nov., Bisc.—M. B. K.
	Chinhai Br. ss. 1,192, Jarrett, 19th Dec.—Hongkong, 17th Dec., Coal—J. M. & Co.
	Patent, Jap., ss. 882, Thorpe, 19th Dec.—Bangkok, 17th Dec., Bisc.—T. & Co.
	Foochow, Br. ss. 1,022, Davies, 19th Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec., Bisc.—B. & S.
	Fooching, Br. ss. 1,144, Lloyd, 19th Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec., Bisc.—B. & S.
	Singap. Br. ss. 1,205, Bisc.—Vicks, 19th Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec., Bisc.—B. & S.
	Hupan, Br. ss. 1,205, Scott, 19th Dec.—Eaton, 15th Dec., Bisc.—B. & S.
	Kyoto M. Jap., ss.

ITALIAN CONVENT SCHOOL.

(Continued from page 4.)

Class 6.—Casimira Silva, 1st prize for general profit; Seville Rocha and Winnie Chan, 2nd prize for general profit; Pacifica Lara, distinction for conduct, rel. know. and needlework; Eileen To, for conduct, rel. know. and dictation; Beesie Dosenberg, for reading, recitation and dictation; Agnes Gil, for religious know. and dictation; Philippe Salazar, for rel. know. and dictation; James Braga, for reading and geography; Laura Santos, for needlework; Guadina Incarnacio, for needlework.

Class 7.—Marcel Martin and Tony Braga, 1st prize for general profit; Mally Bryan, Frank Kwok and Annie Jenkins, 2nd prize for general profit; Amy Watt, for reading, composition and obj. less; Margaret Kent, for composition, grammar and obj. less; Leonor O'Brien and Joe Kentalito, for reading and recitation; Cissie Horley, for rel. know. and reading; Coraos Mapa, for English and geography.

Class 8.—Elsie Watt and Suga Nemazee, 1st prize for general profit; Daisy Lywe, 2nd prize for general profit; Marjorie Stuart, for reading, composition and obj. less; Denis Montalto, dictation; Maria Soriano, for rel. know. and comp.; Hedviges Silva, for rel. know. and dictation; Etelvina Agaton, for rel. know. and geography; Wilfred Passmore, for hel. less. and obj. less; Maria Soriano, for recitation; Leonor Collaco, for Needlework.

Special Class 7.—Maida Chow and Nelly Chow, 1st prize for general profit; Carrie Chow, 2nd prize for general profit.

Special Class 8.—Helen Wong, 1st prize for general profit; Lucy Chan, 2nd prize for general profit; Ivy Chan, for geography and writing.

Kindergarten.

Class 9.—Hassan Nemazee, Angeles Campos and Eugenia Cabaco, 1st prize; Charlie da Lugo and Rosey Kwok, 2nd Prize; Anita Kin and Laura Place, 3rd prize; Conceicao Olao and John Braga, 4th prize.

HARBOUR ITEMS.

The s.s. Fau-chang, from Saigon with a cargo of rice, reports strong north-easterly winds and rough head seas.

The s.s. Luchow arrived from Shanghai this morning, bringing down the Siberian mails. She encountered strong monsoon and overcast and hazy weather.

The cargo shipped from Hongkong by the s.s. Nankin on the 16th inst. included: 602 bales of pierced cocoons, 101 bales of waste silk, 590 packages of tea, 120 bales of raw silk, 200 cases of antimony, 100 slabs of tin and 1,000 bags of refined sugar, for London; 329 bales of raw silk for Lyons; 3,428 packages of tea, 500 cases of caesia lignes, 370 bales of raw silk, 1,000 bags of refined sugar, for Marseilles.

Class 10. 1. Robert Watt and John Alvares, 1st prize; Lourdes Campos and Dorothy Bay, 2nd prize; Alice da Rosa and Maria Gutierrez, 3rd prize; Berthilia Barros and Mary Paley, 4th prize; Bertha Nemazee and Emily Tam, 5th prize.

Class 10. 1 A. Winnie Kew and Carmelita Remedios, 1st. prize; Eusebia Castilho and Vicente da Roza, 2nd prize; Margaret Loke and Francisco Jorge, 3rd prize; Iris Guingam, 4th prize.

Special Prizes.

Portuguese.—Bertha Carvalho; French.—Florinda Tavares.

Music.—Gloria Felices, Conchita Jesus, Pacifica Lira, Felicidade Neves, Dorothy Morris, Purita Campos, Antonia Campos, Isabel del Campo, Teresa Yenug, Lily McGuire, Cissy Horley.

Painting.—Antonia Campos, Adela del Campo, Gloria Felices, Milly Silva, Ivy Low, Beatrice White.

Drawing.—Gloria Campos, Angelica Natividad.

Typewriting.—Lottie Knight and Adela del Campo.

WHERE EAST MEETS WEST.

Interesting Lecture by Capt. Pelliot.

A lecture, full of interest, was given at Government House, by permission of H.E. the Governor, last evening, under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, by Capt. Pelliot, who is recognised as one of the leading authorities on the archaeology of Central Asia, and who was one of those to receive the Honorary Degree of LL.D. at the Hongkong University last week. The subject of the lecture was "Central Asia of the meeting place of Western and Eastern Civilisation," and the subject was dealt with in a most enlightening manner.

There was a good attendance, and H.E. the Governor, in introducing the lecturer referred to his work in France and Gallipoli; in connection with the war, saying that Capt. Pelliot first received his instruction in field artillery during the year when the famous 75's of the French were brought out. Captain Pelliot had spent three and a half years in Chinese Turkestan and was recognised the world over as a most distinguished authority on the archaeology of Central China.

Captain Pelliot who went straight to his subject, first pointed out on the map the position of Chinese Turkestan, how it was bounded on all sides but one with mountains very difficult of penetration, and on the other by a large desert. The ways of access were, therefore, by no means numerous, and it had been extremely difficult of exploration. It was a large tableland, the inhabitants of which were scattered among a number of oases. It was by means of the melted snow coming down the mountains that oases were supplied. The whole population was estimated at about 1,400,000, and was a Turkish-speaking one. They were a very peaceful people, for the creed of Islam had imbued them with

fanaticism, but not fanaticism. The ideas about Chinese Turkestan about 20 years ago were very hazy, and the Russian pioneers were the first people to penetrate into the land, bringing back with them antiquities which were to be found there. The speaker went on to describe how the country had gradually been explored by Russian, Germans, French and English and how each party of research had discovered old manuscripts; how scientific investigation had unearthed old grottoes wherein these parboments had lain, and he had taken part in the accidental discovery of the biggest find of manuscripts ever made there. That was in 1900. When war broke out, an expedition, organised by the Russian Accademio Association, was about to depart, under a very distinguished Oriental scholar, but he had had no news of it since. Speaking of the discoveries made, Capt. Pelliot said he thought all the important remains had been investigated with the exception of a most important place, from which most of the old culture was derived—that being Balkh, the old Turkestan capital. It was not now possible to investigate that old city because of the understanding with the Government of Afghanistan and the ferocity of the natives. Although they knew of import. remains, it was impossible to make excavations there. They could only sum up the results of what had already been found.

It was thought at one time that a Turk speaking population had always lived there, but discoveries had shown that before the 10th Century (Christian era) there was no Turk speaking population there. With great surprise it was found that before the 10th Century the whole of Chinese Turkestan, to the very limits of China proper, was speaking in European languages. The speaker went on to particularise on this, saying they had found traces of Russian and, to a certain extent, the Celt languages. The country had enjoyed a civilisation far ahead of what its present state would lead one to suppose, not in imitation of Indian or Western things, but in certain forms of art

and religion of its own. After dwelling on this point for some time, the speaker said it was clear that the East owed more to the West in the matter of culture than the West to the East. Illustrating this point, he pointed out how the Mongolians had driven certain tribes to the West, even to the outskirts of Helleneistic culture; how trade intercourse had assisted the passing of Western knowledge to the East; how, by way of India and Burma, China had taken to her Western learning.

Speaking of art and religion, Captain Pelliot showed how Buddhism, beginning on the Ganges, had spread westward through China, into Persia and Chinese Turkestan. It still retained its grasp on the country. Early Jews and Christians had been to China, for among the manuscripts found in the grottoes they had found a Chinese translation of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, which was at least as old as the 6th Century. But Christianity never made much ground there, and when, in the 16th Century, the Jesuits and Dominicans came to China, they had to start afresh. In the matter of art, too, Western influence had been felt. Before Greek art had been known in the East, there were no representations of Buddha, and it was through the influence of Greek art that the first statues were made. The statues of Apollo and Jupiter were very closely resembled in many Eastern statues. In music, too, there was the Greek influence, for the numbers used were entirely the same as the Greek scale, as they knew from Pythagoras. In astronomy as well, the Greek zodiac was to be found in old Chinese books. The East had received more from the West than it has given, and in the matter of religion, art and sciences China was more indebted to the West than was generally believed. The West had certainly received silk from China, but not the compass, as was known in the East before it was in the West, but the development in the West was not influenced by the knowledge of the East. They were indebted to China for paper, for that was a

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The Christmas Parcel Mail.

The Christmas parcel mail despatched from this Colony to Europe per the s.s. Nyanya on November 16, consisted of 70 receptacles, containing in all 1,180 parcels.

pure Chinese invention; only papyrus and parchment existing in the west before.

In conclusion, the speaker again alluded to Chinese Turkestan as the place where, it seemed, Eastern and Western civilisations met.

A number of interesting pictures were then screened, following which H.E. the Governor thanked Capt. Pelliot for his most interesting lecture. The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., thanked His Excellency for presiding and for allowing the use of the Bill Room.

His Excellency briefly replied and thanked Mr. Noble, of the University, for operating the lantern.

CRICKET.

Civil Service v. Craigengower.

The following will represent the Civil Service Club on their ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday next:—F.W. Hamilton (Captain), R.E.O. Bird, J.W. Franks, F.J. Ling, R.C. Witchell, C.F. Mason, C. Sara, G.J. Tacchi, R. Barnes, E.W. Dawson, P.T. Lambie, Umpire, W.H. Woolsey; scorer, W. Fischer.

The following will play for Craigengower:—L.A. Rose, B.G. Southerton, R. Pestonji, R. Bass, S. Jer, D.K. Kharas, J.D. Noria, J.F. Thompson, A.H. Ramjitha, M. Abbas, and F. Schnepel.

R.E.v. University.

The following will represent the University in the above match on Saturday at 1.45 p.m. on the Hongkong Cricket Ground:—Ng Sze-kwong (Captain), A. de Souza, R. Ponsonby Face, G.E. Marley, K. Brayshaw, J.D. Wright, D.P. Dixon, W. Hall, W. Gittins, Chow Yat-cheong and A. Iemail. Craigengower C. v. University.

The following will represent the University in the above match on Boxing Day at 2 p.m. on the former's ground:—A. H. Ramjitha (Captain), O. A. M. Smith, J. D. Wright, A. de Souza, D. P. Dixon, W. Gittins, W. Hall, Chow Yat-cheong, R. Anderson, A. Iemail and Cheah Teon Look.

Craigengower will be represented by:—L.A. Rose, B.G. Southerton, R. Pestonji, R. Bass, S. Jer, D.K. Kharas, J.D. Noria, J.F. Thompson, M. Abbas, F. Schnepel and A.N. Other.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

"At Home" for To-morrow.

The Kowloon Cricket Club will be "At Home" to-morrow, from 2.30 to 6 p.m., on the occasion of presentation of croquet, tennis and golf prizes.

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GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS.

Colombo Harbour.

Though progress on works of improvement was somewhat delayed owing to circumstances connected with the war, yet work on the more immediately important improvements at Colombo was not interrupted, we note from the Administration Report for the year 1915 of the Hon'ble Mr. F. Bowes, O.M.G., Chairman, Port Commissioners. The new Delti Warehouses were handed over to the Commission by the Public Works Department, in November 1915, and provide additional warehouse accommodation of 58,360 square feet 642 linear feet of quay walling and two jetties. The improvements in the Harbour Engineer's Work Yard made rapid progress in the last five months of the year. One of the warehouses was completed and the other was rapidly approaching completion. Works of improvement under consideration were:—(a) Protection of quay jetties from the northerly winds and conditions prevailing at the quay wall in the Harbour Engineer's yard. It is pointed out that the consulting engineers were consulted in this matter as long ago as February, 1914, and, at their request, observations of the wave action at the coaling jetties and at the quay wall in the Harbour Engineer's yard were taken. A report was recently furnished by Messrs. Goode, Matthews, Fitzmaurice, and Wilson, in which they state that, seeing that the harbour of Colombo, which has a water area of 843 acres, is one of the largest artificial harbours that has ever been constructed, they consider that the results of the observations so far taken are highly satisfactory, as evidencing the quietence which exists within the harbour. They add that:—"Where iron-bound barges or barges the salient points of which are protected by iron or steel, are brought alongside jetties in such a large enclosure as that at Colombo, it is not possible to prevent a certain amount of attrition of the wood-work, or even of concrete facing, in such structures, thus necessitating repairs. Bearing in mind the great extent of Colombo harbour, it is impracticable to provide further material protection except by costly works, such as a sheltering arm converting coaling jetties and the portion of the harbour in its vicinity into a coaling basin, as was proposed some years since which arrangement would undoubtedly detract from the utility of the harbour proper and its general use as at present; or, as an alternative, to provide increased shelter during the north-east monsoon by extending the north guide pier at the entrance to the graving dock by prolonging it further out into the harbour which would likewise prove detrimental to the general traffic." The Port Commission arranged for wave observations to continue to be taken for a further period, in order that it may be ascertained whether such additional particulars bear out the favourable results given so far. In the meantime it is not considered that any special action is necessary in the form of additional expenditure which would be involved and the inconvenience in other directions which would be caused borne in mind. To minimize damage to the jetties by the steel protection to the rubbing stakes and stems of barges, the Harbour Engineer is considering what additional measures should be adopted to protect the fendering of the coaling jetties and the fendering of the new quay wall in the Harbour Engineer's yard. A complete scheme which aims at providing berthing for petroleum steamers, without endangering the rest of the shipping in the port, the storage of petrol, oil, and fuel away from the foreshore has been prepared. In order to provide proper railway access to the port, the trace of a new railway outlet has been surveyed from the northern end of the Port Commission premises through Mutual to the main line in the vicinity of the Belan river. The port is at present only served by the communication lines built in connection with the north-west breakwater and the graving dock. The seaward protecting

berm, composed of 30-ton wave-breaker blocks thrown into the sea alongside the south-west breakwater which was completed in 1914 has, states the Harbour Engineer, fully justified anticipations, and reduced the wave action of the south-west monsoon in relation to the breakwater to a minimum. The tonnage of exports and imports was 532,687 tons and 845,114 tons, respectively, an increase in the former of 16,304 tons and the latter of 85,162 tons as compared with the year 1914. The actual revenue for the twelve months ended 30th September, 1915, amounted to Rs. 2,762,411, against an estimate of Rs. 3,113,719, and the expenditure to Rs. 1,770,829. A sum of Rs. 2,04,920 was allotted for expenditure during 1915-16, but owing to the reduced amounts at the disposal of the Commission it was impossible to carry out all the works of improvement which have received approval, but sufficient has been done to cope with the increasing demands made on the port.—*Indian and Eastern Engineer.*

New Docks for Vancouver.

The Canadian Robert Dollar Company officially announced this morning says the Vancouver World of November 9 that a deal involving an expenditure on their part of approximately \$200,000 has been closed with Mr. Andrew Sewart, receiver for the Vancouver Industrial Sites Corporation, whereby 40 acres on the north shore, known as the Easlyn townsite, has been acquired by the big steamship company, upon which they propose to erect an up-to-date, modernly equipped sawmill plant, construction of which they hope to have completed within the next four months. Mr. A. M. Dollar made this important announcement for his company following a conference with a special committee of the North Vancouver District Council who have been negotiating in connection with the establishment of this industry for some little time. The North Shore board gave its hearty co-operation in obtaining a cancellation of the present subdivision plans, which was the only technical point remaining to be cleared away to-day. The Dollar interests made their first payment Wednesday night and this morning all details of the transaction were satisfactorily adjusted. "The deal has been finally closed," said Mr. Dollar, "and we are preparing to remove the machinery and mill equipment from the old Heaps Mill at Easlyn, from which plant we will secure everything we require with the exception of the turbines and electrical generator, which have been purchased from the Allis-Chalmers people, and the boilers, which are in course of construction now at the New Westminster plant of the Vulcan Iron Works. In addition to erecting a mill with a daily cutting capacity of from 150,000 to 175,000 feet, we will construct a dock approximately 800 feet long, erect homes for our employees who will number from 80 to 100. We have arranged with North Vancouver for a cancellation of the existing plans and will shortly make formal application to the Harbour Board for the foreshore necessary. Although we have a working contract with the Great Northern Railway for the transmission of our freight over port work, and it has done very well, chiefly in facilitating the despatch of munitions cargoes. Last week Mr. Runciman stated that since the middle of May, when the first cargo was handled, the battalion had worked at ten ports on 120 cargoes, and had put in 67,000 days work, of which about two-thirds were on munitions cargoes. No friction had arisen, the work had been satisfactorily performed, and the flow of traffic through the port greatly accelerated. It is now proposed to extend this successful experiment. There is no doubt that it can be done, and still less that it ought to be done, in view of the urgency of the food supply and shipping problem. Of course the co-operation of the trade unions must be secured. That is essential to success, but there is no reason to anticipate any difficulty from

the white employees. The district council representatives expressed their entire satisfaction at the satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations, and Mr. Reeve Bridgeman said if the present deal had not materialized, another site would have been offered the Dollar people, as North Vancouver municipality recognized the importance of leaving no stone unturned to induce industries such as the one proposed to locate in their midst. Although no mention was made of any concessions on the part of the municipality it is, the policy of the North Shore council to offer exemption from taxation for a period, and water at actual cost, to locating manufacturing industries. "This is a big industry, which means much to our district," declared Mr. Reeve Bridgeman, "and if we had not landed them on this site, would have offered another, as we were determined to keep them on the North North." All we have been asked to do has been done in the matter of assisting in the cancellation of the plans and re-arranging the street outlets to conform with the legal requirements.

How To Increase Tonnage.

Mr. Runciman's recent statements in Parliament about the Transport Workers' Battalion have a connection with the food supply which may escape notice, says the Times of November 8. Mr. Runciman, as we understand, hopes to raise the Transport Workers' Battalion to a strength of 20,000. The object is to accelerate the work on cargoes in port, and so increase the use of the tonnage available. We are suffering at present both from insufficient ships and also from insufficient use of those there are through delays in handling cargo. To eliminate the latter is equivalent to increasing the tonnage in proportion. The quicker a ship is "turned round" in port the more work she does in carrying cargo. If she can be got to make two runs in a month instead of one, the effect is to double her capacity and to get the work of two ships. This is one way of lessening the shipping difficulty and the submarine menace, which have a direct bearing on the food supply. It is one of the things that can be done to ease the situation, and it is more important than it may be to appear to people without technical knowledge of the conditions. In a letter recently published, Sir Norman Hill, who is a member of the Port and Transit Executive Committee, and whose authority is of the highest, expressed the belief that if only normal despatch were secured in the ports of the United Kingdom the carrying power of the ships we now have could be increased at least 10 per cent. in the twelve months. During last year the total foreign trade cargo imported into the United Kingdom amounted to some 50 million tons, which would mean an additional five million tons, on Sir Norman Hill's calculation, if normal despatch could be attained. That is probably too much to hope for under war conditions, but there is evidently room for a very substantial increase of seaborne supplies through improved despatch. The Transport Workers' Battalion was formed to accelerate port work, and it has done very well, chiefly in facilitating the despatch of munitions cargoes. Last week Mr. P. J. Wilson, chief officer, Leertes, has been appointed second officer, Katsang. Mr. P. E. Jarrett, third officer, Katsang, has been appointed second officer, Katsang, has gone second officer, some ship, Mr. W. W. Hipkiss, second officer, Katsang, has gone second officer, Liassang. Mr. M. Johansson, chief officer, Kuoping, has gone chief officer, Haasan. Mr. W. Hanford, chief officer, Haasan, is on leave. Mr. B. Griffiths has been appointed chief officer, Tsimming. Mr. E. Mapey has been appointed chief officer, Shanghai. Mr. P. E. Marsh, chief officer, Kinshan, is on reserve. Mr. A. C. Smith, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kinshan. Mr. A. A. Birnie, second officer, Kinshan has gone master, Stanley. Mr. G. E. Sawyer has been appointed second officer, Haibong. Mr. T. Thirlwall, second officer, Haibong, has resigned. Mr. J. Cartwright, second officer, Leertes, has resigned. Mr. J. Wilson has been appointed second officer, Leertes. Mr. O. D. Morten has been appointed second officer, Innamincka. Mr. W. G. Erwing has been appointed third officer, Haibong. Mr. E. James, chief officer, Shantou, has resigned. Mr. F. D. Tregeatten, chief officer, David Gillies, has resigned. Mr. S. N. Leigh has been appointed second officer, August Belmont. Captain H. Anderson, of the Sagitaria has gone master, Shinon. Captain C. Sangster, of the Shinon, has gone master Sagitaria. Captain E. W. R. Carter, of the Adelio, is on special service. Mr. H. A. Gray has been appointed master, Adelio.—Shipping and Engineering.

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them. The present experiment has been carried out with their assistance and its extension would be safeguarded by the same conditions. The principle is not to supplant but to supplement the ordinary dock labour, which has been much depleted; and the men enrolled for the purpose receive the same pay as the civilians employed on the work. There are now among the troops who have to be kept in this country for home defence a large number of trained transport workers. The plan is to group them in special battalions and to employ them on the work required in such a way that they can return, if need be, to their military duties at short notice.

Chin Coast Gazette.

Mr. P. E. Anderson, from reserve, has gone second officer, Wuhan. Mr. G. E. Mount, second officer, Wuhan, is on reserve. Mr. J. O'Connor, second officer, Wenchow, is on reserve. Mr. K. A. Kornner, from reserve has gone second officer, Wenchow. Captain H. A. Wavell, from reserve, has gone master, Chenan. Captain Lloyd Jones, of the Yingchow, has gone master, Sungting. Mr. D. H. Martin, chief officer, Yingchow, has gone acting master, same ship. Mr. C. B. Meahan, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Yingchow. Captain J. D. Milne, from reserve, has gone acting master, Hanan. Captain J. S. De Wolf, of the Hunan, is on reserve. Mr. E. D. Blackburn, chief officer, Tsimming, is on leave. Mr. H. P. Hope, chief officer, Kinkang, is on reserve. Mr. J. G. Forster, supernumerary chief officer, Loksang. Mr. J. Cobb, chief officer, Loksang, has gone chief officer, Onassing. Captain M. Picknell, from leave has gone master, Waishing. Mr. T. Grant, acting master, Waishing, has gone chief officer, Fookang. Mr. E. High has been appointed supernumerary second officer, Chungsang. Mr. T. Hemmey, chief officer, Fausang, has resigned. Mr. G. McIlwraith has been appointed supernumerary second officer, Waishing. Mr. G. E. Sawyer, second officer, Yaensang, has resigned. Mr. F. E. Lane, second officer, Liassang, has gone acting chief officer, Onassing. Mr. W. Brewer, second officer, Chipshing, has gone acting chief officer, Yaensang. Mr. W. Hill, who is a member of the Port and Transit Executive Committee, and whose authority is of the highest, expressed the belief that if only normal despatch were secured in the ports of the United Kingdom the carrying power of the ships we now have could be increased at least 10 per cent. in the twelve months. During last year the total foreign trade cargo imported into the United Kingdom amounted to some 50 million tons, which would mean an additional five million tons, on Sir Norman Hill's calculation, if normal despatch could be attained. That is probably too much to hope for under war conditions, but there is evidently room for a very substantial increase of seaborne supplies through improved despatch. The Transport Workers' Battalion was formed to accelerate port work, and it has done very well, chiefly in facilitating the despatch of munitions cargoes. Last week Mr. P. J. Wilson, chief officer, Leertes, has been appointed second officer, Katsang. Mr. P. E. Jarrett, third officer, Katsang, has gone second officer, some ship, Mr. W. W. Hipkiss, second officer, Katsang, has gone second officer, Liassang. Mr. M. Johansson, chief officer, Kuoping, has gone chief officer, Haasan. Mr. W. Hanford, chief officer, Haasan, is on leave. Mr. B. Griffiths has been appointed chief officer, Tsimming. Mr. E. Mapey has been appointed chief officer, Shanghai. Mr. P. E. Marsh, chief officer, Kinshan, is on reserve. Mr. A. C. Smith, from leave, has gone chief officer, Kinshan. Mr. A. A. Birnie, second officer, Kinshan has gone master, Stanley. Mr. G. E. Sawyer has been appointed second officer, Haibong. Mr. T. Thirlwall, second officer, Haibong, has resigned. Mr. J. Cartwright, second officer, Leertes, has resigned. Mr. J. Wilson has been appointed second officer, Leertes. Mr. O. D. Morten has been appointed second officer, Innamincka. Mr. W. G. Erwing has been appointed third officer, Haibong. Mr. E. James, chief officer, Shantou, has resigned. Mr. F. D. Tregeatten, chief officer, David Gillies, has resigned. Mr. S. N. Leigh has been appointed second officer, August Belmont. Captain H. Anderson, of the Sagitaria has gone master, Shinon. Captain C. Sangster, of the Shinon, has gone master Sagitaria. Captain E. W. R. Carter, of the Adelio, is on special service. Mr. H. A. Gray has been appointed master, Adelio.—Shipping and Engineering.

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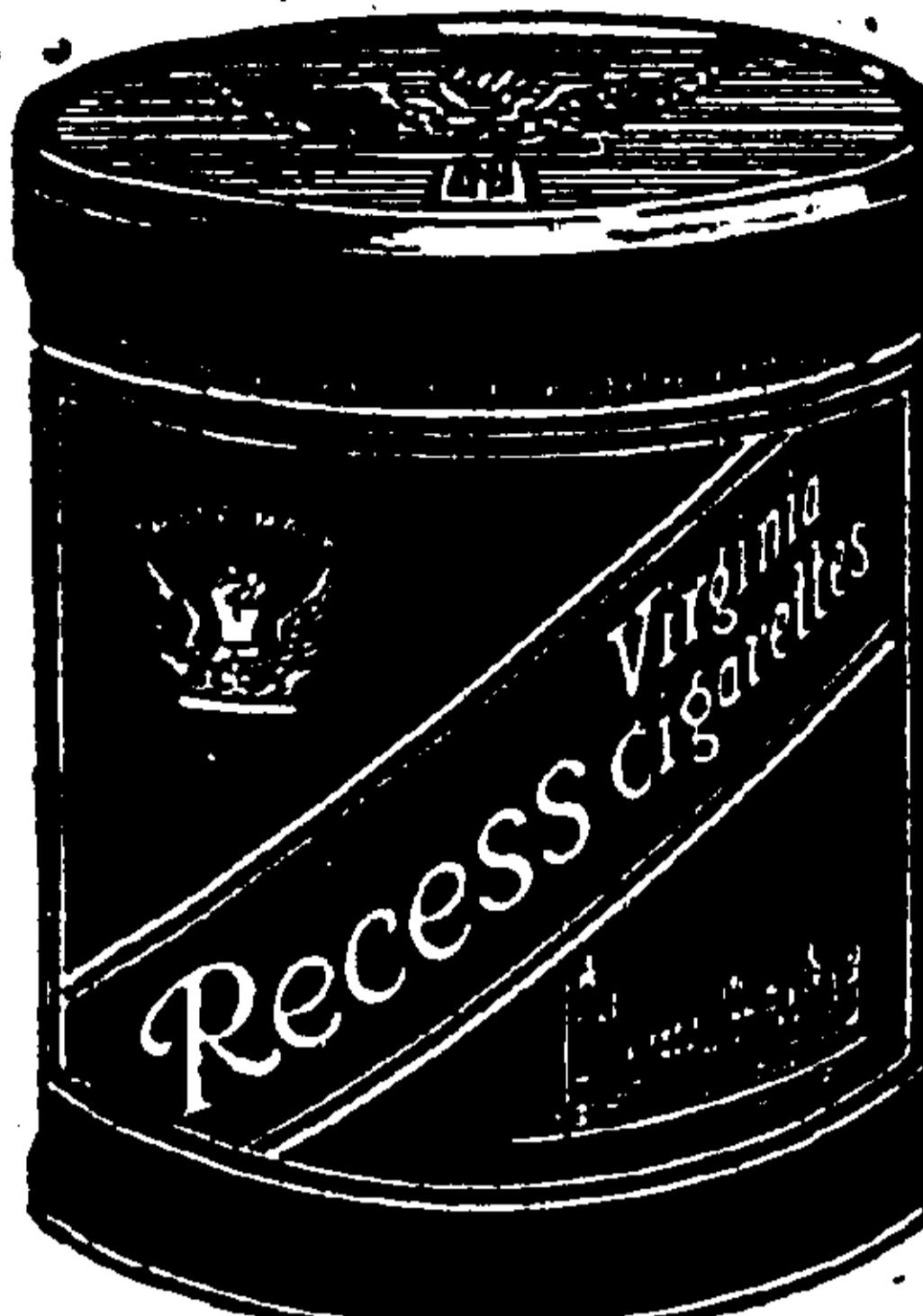
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10 Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce	
11 Boiled York Ham	12 Roast Capon
13 Boiled Potatoes	14 Roast Potatoes
15 French Beans	16 Petit Pois

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17 Plum Pudding & Brandy Sauce	18 Mince Pies
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Philippine Isl.—Per YUENSANG, 23rd Dec., 2 p.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.
Patavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, & Port Moribay (via Batavia)—Per BANRI MARU, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.
Haiphong—Per LOKSANG, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.
Swatow, Shanghai & N. China—Per WING-ANG, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 24th December.

Swatow—Per HAITAN, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.
Chinawangtao—Per JINJU M., 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 25th December.

Hengay—Per FOOCHOW, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok—Per HUPEH, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.
Hongay—Per SHANSLI, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, 26th December.

Australia Mail: Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Isl.—Per EASTERN, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

Hoihow & Haiphong—Per KAIFONG, 16th Dec., 9 a.m.
Shanghai & N. China—Per SUNNING, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 27th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—
Per AMAKUSA M., 27th Dec., 9 a.m.
Macassar, Sourabaya, Samwang & Batavia—
Per TJIATJAP, 27th Dec., 10 a.m.

Swatow—Per LUOCHOW, 27th Dec., 11 a.m.
Philippine Isl.—Per TEAN, 27th Dec., 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Strait, Ceylon, Delagoa Bay, Durban, Johannesburg, Cape Town & United Kingdom—
Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., Registration 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya & Port Moribay (via Batavia)—
Per TJIATJAP, 28th Dec., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, Vancouver, United States, Central & South America & United Kingdom via Canada, (Europe via Siberia)—
Per EMPRESS OF RUSSIA, 28th Dec., Registration 9.15 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai Ch. P.O. Saturday, 30th Dec.,
Letters 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAL TAN, 28th Dec., 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via
Cape Burnett at 11, Ice House Street, in the City of Victoria
—Per MEXICO M., 28th Dec., 1 p.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Cobigobow, Br. ss. 1193, Doyle, 21st Dec.—Port Farwell, 19th Dec., Lime stone—S. T. & Co.

Armand Behic, Fr. ss. Lauriol, 22nd Dec.—Haiphong, Gen.—M. M. Co.

Banri M. Jap. ss. 2338, Morita, 22nd Dec.—M. J. 16th Dec., Gen.—D. & Co.

Fausang, Br. ss. 1410, Malkin, 22nd Dec.—Saigon, 15th Dec., Rice—J. M. & Co.

Yatata, Br. ss. 1183, Hogita, 22nd Dec.—Swatow, 21st Dec., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Luchow, Br. ss. 1317, Wolf, 22nd Dec.—Shanghai, 19th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Phuentsip, Br. ss. 1065, Major, 22nd Dec.—Saigon, Rice—Chinese.

Tedua, Br. ss. 4.796, Wallace, 22nd Dec.—Singapore, 16th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Tean, Br. ss. 1.640, Finlayson, 22nd Dec.—Manila, 19th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Urusan, M. Jap. ss. 1980, Ogawa, 21st Dec.—M. J. 15th Dec., Coal—M. B. G. E.

Yatofu M. Jap. ss. 2.958, Hirata, 22nd Dec.—M. J. 16th Dec., Gen.—N.Y.K.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 20.

S. hu M. for Takao via Swatow

Fuura M. for Wakamatsu

Keiping for Penang

Dec. 21.

Hongkong for Haiphong via Hoilow

Haidi for Bangkok via Swatow

Yei M. for Chiawantao

Kutshau for Calcutta via Singapore

Saigon M. for Kobe

Chenan for Shanghai

C. I. CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 21.

Albiana for Calcutta via Shanghai

Rakushu M. for Bangkok

Daguo for Haiphong

Dec. 22.

Sinkiang for Shanghai

Chili for Saigon

Lushow for Canton

Cheongking for Honay

Anping for Shanghai via Ningpo

Fukobaku M. No. 8 for Singapore

Fukobaku M. No. 10 for Singapore

Hakka M. No. 3 for Singapore

Hakka M. No. 7 for Singapore

Sekijo M. for Singapore

Hakka M. No. 8 for Singapore

Hakha for Foochow via Swatow

Chingchow for Pi Farwell

Armand Behic for Yokohama via Shai

Yatofu M. for Bombay via Singapore

Yatana for Canton

Shanghai & N. China—Per SHANTUNG,

Siberian Mail: 26th Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

[Shanghai Ch. P.O. Monday, 1st Jan.]

FRIDAY, 29th December.

Straits, Burma, Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe. (The parcel mail will be closed on Thursday, 28th Dec., at 5 p.m.)—Per NOVARA, 28th Dec., Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Just arrived. Fresh & assorted American Sweets & Fay's Chocolates.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day on date On date On date

Barometer 30.03 30.09 30.03

Temperature 67 62 65

Humidity 64 68 63

Wind Direction ESE E E

Wind Force 1 3 3

Weather 0 0 0